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The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 1st January, 1903.

When the Twentieth Century, of which the
year just over was the second, comes to be
reviewed as a whole, we may be certain that
1902 will be considered among the more
eventful years. Much has occurred during
its course which must help to shape the
history of the world, like in the Far East
and elsewhere. At the present day two
events seem to stand out prominently
among all others, and we think that it is
not only Britons who will allow this. First
in importance, there was the end of the
great South African War, formally notified
by the signature of peace on the 31st May,
whereby a struggle which had raged for
the greater part of three years and had
hampered to a most serious extent the
general policy of Great Britain, was brought
to a successful termination; now, as Mr.
CHAMBERLAIN just declared at Durban, the
Dutch have accepted the paramountcy of
the British flag, and what can longer
separate the two nations? And secondly
there was the Anglo-Japanese Agreement,
signed on the 30th January, whereby
Britain departed from her traditions of
isolation and allied herself with the newest
of the Powers. Both these occurrences
were hailed by Britons in the Far East, as
at home by all clear-thinking people, with
expressions of deep gratification. Out here
it is felt that Great Britain is able once
again, if wisely guided, to strive for her
former proud position in this part of the
world. But great as both these events

were, there was another which momentarily
attracted more attention all over the world.
We refer to King Edward's illness and the
postponed Coronation, which in June
caused all hearts to be full of apprehen-
sion. Fortunately it was not very long
before fears were relieved. His Majesty's
constitution and courage triumphed, and
early in August the whole of the British
Empire was able to unite in rejoicings over
the ceremony of crowning the King-
Emperor, while among the other nations
hardly a single discordant voice was raised.
Though the Coronation, as ultimately
carried out, was not as gorgeous as it would
have been, there is no doubt that the
sympathy for the central figure was rendered
practically universal by his narrow escape
from death. Among those who evinced
the warmest concern was His Majesty the
German Emperor, and if anything could
have undone the effect of the anti-British
campaign in Germany during the South
African War it would have been the
Kaiser's courtesy and solicitude. Un-
happily evidence is abundant that Britons
were too deeply offended over the vile
calumniation of the army in South Africa
to forgive the Emperor for the sake of
their ruler. Time, it is to be hoped, will
heal the breach, but it is plain from the
dissatisfaction at home over Anglo-German
co-operation against Venezuela that the time
is not yet come. The Venezuelan affair,
which at first looked dangerous on account
of susceptibilities in the United States, now
seems likely to reach a peaceful settlement.
It was hoped by the European Powers that
President Roosevelt would undertake the
arbitration of the dispute, but it is
apparently to go to the Hague Tribunal.
That disappointment has been freely
expressed over the President's refusal since
how highly he is esteemed. Last year we
prophesied that he would be no weak
President of the United States, and our
prediction has been abundantly justified.
The main danger is that his strength must
bring him into conflict with one of the
strongest forces in the world—that of
money, as exemplified in the great Trusts
and "Combines." The struggle can but
be a terrible one, demanding a man of far
more than average strength and character.

Turning to the Far East, we find that
1902 has been fruitful in promises of great
improvements in the state of affairs, but
the end of the year sees these promises still
unfulfilled. Three very important agree-
ments (apart from that between Great
Britain and Japan) were signed during the
twelve months, the Manchurian Convention,
the Anglo-Chinese Commercial Treaty, and
the Franco-Siam Treaty. The last-
named compact, which was signed on the
7th October, appeared to all but the French
Colonial party to be very favourable to
France; but at least it was an honest attempt
to get rid of the dangerous state of friction
between France and Siam. Whether it will
satisfy seems doubtful, so loud in their
expressions of discontent are the advocates
of an ever aggressive policy on the Indo-
Chinese frontiers. It is yet possible that
serious troubles may arise over the Siamese
question. The Manchurian Convention,
which was signed on the 9th April last,
alone has begun to take effect. That it was
a very one-sided affair, our readers are well
aware. The terms imposed on China were
very hard, but in return the evacuation of
Manchuria by instalments was guaranteed.
What this "evacuation" means the *Times*
correspondent at Peking has revealed. The
Russian troops have retired to all the
strategic points of the country which
they have evacuated and dominate it as
completely as if they had remained in
avowed full possession. Manchuria is,
in fact, to all intents and purposes a
Russian province. The Mackay Treaty,
signed on the 5th September, but still un-
ratified, has been claimed as a great achieve-
ment, and its originator has received
acclamations without number. It must seem
to us here in Hongkong that until that
Treaty, with its promises of the abolition of
lekin, etc., becomes an accomplished fact, its
merits can only be discussed academically.
Many commercial men of the highest
authority do not believe that it will come
into operation in its present form: there are
too those who do not think it would be the
panacea it is supposed to be, even if it were
strictly carried out by China. It was
imagined by some that when the Emperor
Kwang Hsu returned to Peking on the
7th January, 1902, the way was paved
for the regeneration of China. It only
remained to conclude the Commercial
Treaty and then China under a new
régime would start on the path of progress.
We need hardly say that these optimists
were not generally accepted as trustworthy
prophets. How little they were able to
judge the future has been shown in the
twelve months just now elapsed since the
Emperor's return to the Capital. The
reactionaries are almost as much in power
as before the flight from Peking. H. M.
Kwang Hsu is still a nonentity. Commerce
labours under nearly all the old restric-
tions. In August last two particularly

brutal murders of British missionaries
occurred at Chengchow, in Hunan province,
which almost led to a diplomatic rupture
between Great Britain and China. Com-
pensation has been made, but very tardily.
To add to her misfortunes China, never
rich in honest officials, has recently lost one
great man in Liu Kung-yi and another
man whom all Europeans who came in
contact with him esteemed, Tso Mr. Lee
Viceroy at Canton. Their successors will
be hard to find, and without upright officials
in the important posts the Powers can put
no trust in China's promises. Among
themselves the European nations have
shown an extraordinary amount of distrust
in matters concerning China. Owing to
this, Tientsin was not handed back until
August; while Shanghai, in spite of the
promises given to Liu Kung-yi before his
death, is only now being completely
evacuated. The intrigues of the time-
serving Prince Ching with Germany
undoubtedly delayed very considerably
the evacuation of Shanghai. The month
the Settlement, freed of its unnecessary
garrisons, will be able to pay attention to
the subject of commercial advance. Wei-
haiwei, Britain's latest acquisition in these
seas, must also look to a commercial future.
After an extraordinary record of vaccination
the home Government decided not to make
a fortress or an efficient naval base of the
place, but to maintain it merely as a sena-
torium and summer resort for the fleet.
Yet with the Colonial Office in charge and
under the rule of Mr. J. H. STEWART
LOCKHART, Hongkong's late Colonial
Secretary, Wei-haiwei may still have a future
more glorious than that of a third-rate
watering-place. Its resources are untried
as yet.

For Hongkong, 1902 has been one to be
remembered. Commercially the year has
been eminently unsatisfactory, several
causes combining to accentuate the diffi-
culties created by a fluctuating and declining
exchange. To the merchant, the middle-
man, and the retailer alike, it has been
a year of anxiety and worry, their
operations resulting in either loss or
scanty profits. In the market for piece
goods semi-stagnation has ruled for the
most part, a hand-to-mouth business for
immediate requirements being the best that
can be recorded. The tightness of money,
the instability of exchange, the partial
failure of crops, the disturbed condition
of the interior of both the Kwang
provinces, and the increase of taxation
consequent on the indemnity imposed upon
the Chinese Government by the Foreign
Powers have operated to restrict demand
for all classes of cotton and woollen
goods, more especially the better makes,
which the decline in the value of silver has
placed beyond the reach of all but the
opulent. The trade in yarns has been
equally unremunerative, so much so that
two large mills in Bombay have closed
already and more are expected to follow.
The decline in this important import is
directly traceable to the depreciation of
silver. In opium there has been a fairly
large business done, principally in Beigal
drug, due, however, to exceptional causes,
namely the partial failure of the poppy
crop in Yunnan and consequent dearth
and scarcity of the native drug, and partly
to the speculation created by an attempt
happily defeated by the vigorous policy of
Sir ERNEST SATOW—to raise the duties on
foreign opium by about one hundred per
cent. The trade in kerosene oil which is a
steadily growing one, was barely maintained
in 1902, the failure of crops and the dis-
turbances in the Delta having served
to check the imports into Kwangtung.
In general goods the trade has also
been restricted through the constant
variations in exchange, leading to a marked
reduction in many classes of imports. The
same cause has had a malign influence on
exports; the difficulty of arranging exchange
being a serious matter, prejudicially affect-
ing business. The export of silk has been
quite up to the average, but the dollar price
has risen *pari passu* with the fall in the
white metal. In sundry exports there has
been little change, the quantities being
comparatively small. Large shipments of
rice have had to be imported from
Wahu and Chinkiang for Canton, owing to
the failure of the southern rice crops.
Freights have ruled low throughout the
year, and the shipping trade generally has
been bad. Some of the local industries have
also been less prosperous than usual this
year, and the business in refined sugar has
been simply disastrous. The stock market
has been depressed during the latter half
of the year, and quotations have, in many cases,
undergone a sharp decline. Altogether the
commercial record is a most unfavourable
one, and there seems no immediate prospect
of any durable improvement setting in
unless successful measures are taken to
secure a fixed basis of exchange. In other
respects, too, 1902 has left many causes for
regret. During the year there have been
572 cases of plague, with 559 deaths; there
was also a severe outbreak of cholera and a

slight one of small-pox. The water supply
has been deficient, and the year opened and
closed with the intermittent system in force.
It is proposed as a result of the visits of
Messrs. SIMPSON and CHAPMAN, the expert
commission despatched from home which
issued several reports in the first half of
1902, to attempt a thorough regeneration of
Hongkong, and the means proposed is the
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance
which has occupied so much of the Legisla-
tive Council's attention. But it is obvious
that the process must be slow, and that all
important adjunct of good sanitation, a
plentiful water-supply, is very far off
indeed. Though 1902 closed with none too
hopeful auguries, however, some notable
local improvements and additions have been
made. For the first time in Hongkong's
history, a school for exclusively European
children has been opened, at Kowloon. On
the 15th January last the foundation-
stone was laid of a great undertaking, the
Naval Yard Extension. Many think that
the removal of the Naval Yard to the
mainland would have been preferable, but
all must admit the magnitude of the present
works. On the 4th August Major-General
GASCOIGNE, who administered the Colony's
government to the general satisfaction
during H.E. the Governor's absence from
January to September, turned the first sod
of King's Park, Kowloon, which promises to
be a worthy memorial of the Coronation
year. Another memorial of 1902 is the
CONNAUGHT statue, soon to be followed by
two others to be erected in the neighbour-
hood of the late Queen's statue. There
were many changes in the personnel of the
Colony last year, from various causes. By
death Hongkong saw carried off two very
familiar figures, Commander W. C. H.
HASTINGS and Mr. DAVID GILLIES. The
Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART left us for
Wei-haiwei, being succeeded at the Colonial
Secretary's Office by the Hon. F. H. M. M.
Commodore POWELL departed in April, his
place being filled by Commodore ROBINSON.
Sir THOMAS JACKSON, whose name must
always be associated with the story of the
Colony's growth, has gone, and Mr. T. H.
WHITEHEAD was called to London. Sir
JOHN CARRINGTON had already left when
1902 opened, and his place is filled by Sir
W. MEIGH GOODMAN, while a new Attorney-
General is here in Sir H. S. BENNETT.
Many other changes might be mentioned
as well. Hongkong's external relations have
not been devoid of trouble. Two outrages
against British subjects occurred on the
Canton waterways, one on the 13th January
when the *Nanning* was fired upon and the
Rev. C. E. L. COWAN wounded, the other
on the 12th November, when Mr.
EVANS, constable at H.B.M. Consulate,
Canton, was fatally injured by pirates.
Piracy and brigandage having been
rampant on the neighbouring mainland
last year, it is perhaps rather to be won-
dered at that no more foreigners were
molested. The turbulence of the Chinese
across the water seems to some extent to
have affected their fellow-countrymen in
Hongkong, for the word strike has been in
the air a good deal, and labour troubles have
been threatening. Altogether the promise
of 1902 cannot be said to have been fulfilled.
Still more reason, therefore, have we to wish
our readers in 1903

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.

Another plague case was reported during the
day ending at noon yesterday, a Chinese dying
in Wo On Shan.

The damage by Tuesday's fire in Cross
Street, Wanchai, when a pawn-shop and a
dwelling-house were gutted, amounts to \$2,000,
and the total insurance to \$35,000.

Though the Indian watchman over whom the
Quarry Bay fiasco first arose was on Tuesday
fined \$100 by Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy, we
believe that there are further developments to
be expected. It has erroneously been stated
that the watchman was sentenced to six weeks
imprisonment; he was fined, and the fine was
paid.

Our contemporary *O Patriota* is responsible
for the statement that Major J. J. Bragança,
of the Macao police, whose conduct was
very freely impugned by the Portuguese papers
a few months ago, has been transferred to
Mozambique. The same paper contains a very
ill-judged attack on the Portuguese Consul in
Hongkong, Senhor Conselheiro Romão.

European seamen from the British
steamer *Tonbridge* were placed in the dock at
the Harbour Magistrate's office yesterday morning,
five of them charged with disobeying orders
and two with assaulting the chief engineer.
The five were sentenced to three days' im-
prisonment and to forfeit two days' pay, and the
other two to six weeks' imprisonment.

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., send us a copy
of their very useful Imperial English and
Chinese Diary and Almanac for 1903. This
is the 17th year of the publication of the book,
which in that period has made itself indispens-
able to every business man in the East. The
Diary is interlarded with blotting and contains
local information of value in the Straits,
Hongkong, and Shanghai, in which places the
book is extensively sold. It is published at this
very reasonable price of \$1.50.

The Bellios Public School will reopen on
the 4th inst.

An Australian telegram says—The Shah has
discovered sixteen hundred and forty wives.

The Australian cricketers after their English
and South African tours got back to Melbourne
at the beginning of December.

A party is forming in the German Reichstag
to combat socialism and extreme agrarianism,
as an outcome of a speech by the Kaiser attack-
ing socialism—alluded to in our "Late
Telegrams" columns yesterday.

An official enquiry into the circumstances
attending the recent fatal building collapse in
Wing Lok Street, near the Harbour Office,
will be opened before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at
the Magistracy on Wednesday next at 2.15 p.m.

Lord Hawke's cricket team, on its way to
New Zealand via the United States, met a
Californian XVII on the 26th November, and
having got them out for 125, scored 155 for 8
wickets. Bosquet took 11 wickets for 42 runs.
The game was played on a concrete wicket.

The following two telegrams are dated
Seoul, December 22nd—"The object of Ye
Yong Yik's visit to Port Arthur is, it is
rumoured, to negotiate for a loan (from Russia)
on the security of mining concessions in Hang-
Ken-To and Peng-an-To districts."—"The
entry of the Russian blue-jackets to the capital
has been stopped."

The Rajah of Sarawak has issued an order to
the following effect:—"The habit of wearing
caps and hats of European shape and manu-
facture having become general amongst natives of
all classes, I hereby direct that any native
wearing such a cap or hat shall remove it from
his head upon entering any Government Office
or building, or when addressing any European
Officers."

A Tokyo telegram of the 24th inst. to the
N.C. Daily News says:—"The Cabinet and
the political parties have commenced conferences
which are not unlikely to result in a compromise
on the basis of the abandonment of the land tax,
the funds for the proposed naval increment
being derived from other sources." Japanese
papers last to hand mention a report that the
Government will dissolve the Diet unless the
Opposition gives way, and that a number of its
opponents are very much alarmed at this step.

The Berlin *Kreuz Zeitung*, discussing the
recent letter of the U.S. Ambassador, Mr.
White, to Mr. Henry Seligman, of Frankfur-
on-the-Main, regarding the treatment of
Hebrews in Roumania, says that it is to be
recommended that the Ambassador remove the
beam from his own eye before removing the
mote from his neighbour's. The Roumanian
Jews, says the paper, are better situated than
the American negroes. They are not treated
with the same contempt, and do not suffer
lynch law, nor are Jewish funeral processions
in Roumania mobbed as in New York and
Chicago.

Senator Foster of Washington, a member of
the U.S. Senatorial committee that visited
Hawaii in September, intimates that the com-
mittee will recommend that Chinese labourers be
admitted to Hawaii in limited numbers for a
time in order to relieve the labour situation
there. "Labour conditions are bad in Hawaii,"
said Senator Foster. "There is a great scarcity
of workmen on the sugar plantations, and every
industry in the islands feels the effects. Whites
will not work in the cane-fields, and Japanese
are very unsatisfactory. The experiment of
importing Porto Ricans was a failure. The
people tell us that Southern negroes would be
equally as unsatisfactory, even if they could
be prevailed upon to go there. Chinese labour is
the only solution of the problem in the
opinion of the people of the islands. The com-
mittee has not completed its report, and I
cannot say definitely what we shall recommend."

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Club ground at Happy
Valley the Hongkong Football Club "A" team
will play H.M.S. *Talbot* under Rugby rules.
Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Club will play in
striped jerseys. The following will play for
the Club:

Cooper, full back; Robertson, Macdonald,
Campbell (Capt.), and Lemaire, three-
quarters; Roberts and Hallett, halves; Storer,
Crake, Bigney, Schlenders, Wilson, Danby,
Besant, and F. C. C. Essor, forwards.

CHECKER.

The following will play for the I.K.C.C. v.
the Navy, to-day, commencing at 10.30
sharp:—
C.R.S. Cooper, J. T. Dixon, W. Dixon, W.
E. Dixon, Capt. Fawcett, R.A., F. Maitland,
S. Powell, Capt. Radcliffe, R.E. Lieut.
Rimington, S.P., Lieut. H. W. Smith, R.A.,
and A. G. Ward.

By kind permission of the Admiral and
Officers, a Naval Band will play in the
afternoon.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The 4th Club race will be sailed on Saturday,
3rd January, starting at 2 p.m., over course B.
The 6th Club race will be sailed on Sunday
over Course No. 1.

The 2nd Class Handicap for all boats subse-
quent to the 4th Club race is as follows:—
It is allowed
Maid Marion ... 5 seconds per mile
Doreen Gloria ... 15
& Chanticleer ... 15
Meteor ... 25
Payne & Ladybird ... 55

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, 31st December, 12.30 p.m.

SUICIDE OF A GERMAN
MERCHANT.

Mr. H. Lehmann, of Messrs. Arnhold
Karberg & Co., who returned to Shanghai
from home on the 27th December, was
found dead in bed this morning, having
committed suicide for some cause unknown.

Mr. Lehmann passed through Hongkong
only a little while ago on his way to Shanghai
after a two months' holiday at home. He had
lived in the northern port and had been con-
nected with the firm for many years. He was
well-known there and popular, and the news of
his tragic death will be received with profound
regret among the circle of his friends and
acquaintances. The telegram which the
representatives of the firm here got apprising
them of the affair contained no further parti-
culars than those given above. Mr. Lehmann
was a man of fine physique, so that his death
could hardly have been occasioned by ill-health
it is thought that mental derangement may
have been responsible for the tragedy.
Ed. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 29th December.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN SOUTH
AFRICA.

Mr. Chamberlain is a guest at Government
House at Pietermaritzburg.

OBITUARY.

The death of the Bishop of S. Albans is an-
nounced.

MOROCCO.

It is officially confirmed that the rebels at
Taza, on the 23rd instant, completely routed the
Moghar Army of 10,000 men, which precipi-
tately fled to Fez, losing 2,000 in killed.

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

The refusal of President Roosevelt to arbitrate
on the Venezuela question has caused some
disappointment in Berlin, consequent on the
delay attending formalities of the Hague
tribunal.

LONDON, 28th December.

THE DURBAR.

The Viceroy and the Duke and Duchess of
Connaught made a state entry into Delhi to-
day. They were mounted on superbly com-
painted elephants, and followed by a long and
gorgeous procession of Indian Princes two
abreast, all mounted on elephants.

THE HUMBERT FRAUDS.

The Humberts have been imprisoned in
Paris.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

The Government has accepted the services
of 100 Boers for Somaliland.

MOROCCO.

The Sultan has barricaded himself in his
palace at Fez and an attack on the town is
expected. Resistance is impossible.

LIFE-SAVING CHINA MEN.

Yesterday morning we had the pleasure of
handing to Lai Yun Sing and Cheung Mun
the \$10 note which was sent to them, in our
care, by a Purser gentleman in Canton in
recognition of their bravery in saving the lives
of a woman and two children who were thrown
into the water by the capsizing of their sampan
in Yau-mai Bay after collision with a cargo-
boat, as reported in our issue of the 23rd
ult. The two men were brought to this
office by Inspector Williamson, Tinsahatun,
who vouched for their bona fides. Lai Yun Sing
and Cheung Mun are, as we have already in-
dicated, seamen and engineer respectively on
the Yau-mai ferry-launch *Lee Ping*, and both
are deserving of the best recognition for
their brave act, which undoubtedly resulted
in the saving of three lives. This is not
the first occasion on which Lai Yun Sing has
snatched a fellow-being from death, for he pos-
sesses the Bellios bronze medal for "saving the
life of a world-be suicide in the harbour several
years back. The story is best told in the words
of the certificate he received at the time, and
which reads:—"This is to certify that on the
15th day of February, 1895, Lai Yun Sing,
fireman on board the steam launch
Kam On, gallantly rescued a Chinese woman
from death by drowning in the harbour, Vic-
toria, Hongkong. The woman was a passenger
on the steam launch, and when the launch was
at full speed and passing Kowloon Point, where
strong currents are always running, she threw
herself overboard. Lai Yun Sing promptly threw
her a life-buoy, and when it was seen she made
no attempt to use it, jumped into the sea, clothed
as he was, swam to her, dived after her as she
was sinking, and, getting hold of her, bore her
to the life-buoy and secured her in it until the
launch was stopped and put back, and both were
taken on board. This is further to certify
that the trustees of the Bellios Fund have
awarded Lai Yun Sing, for his bravery, a bronze
medal and \$25. Given, under our hands at
Victoria, Hongkong, this 23rd day of February,
1895.—(Sd.) E. J. Bisset, Ph.D., Jno. J.
Francis, trustees." The present case is one that
may very well be taken up by the Royal
Humane Society as well as by the trustees for
the Bellios Fund.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room for the purpose of considering what action, if any, the Board should take in view of the fact that four cases of plague had occurred in the city during the month of December. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer (President), presided, and there were also present, Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works; Hon. Dr. F. W. Clark, Medical Officer of Health; Colonel Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. C. McI. Messer, Acting Registrar-General; Mr. E. Osborne, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

PLAQUE IN HONGKONG.

The President—Gentlemen, my excuse for calling you together at such short notice is that three cases of plague have occurred within the last twelve days, two within the last 48 hours and in one part of the Fourth District, the neighbourhood of Wo On Lane. I have called you together to see whether the Board think it desirable to take any measures with reference to clearing this block of buildings of their inhabitants. If these measures are to prove of any use they must be taken immediately; otherwise I would have given you longer notice.

The Secretary read a minute on the subject, prepared by the Medical Officer of Health, recommending the closing of the houses and that the Government be approached with a view to making provision for the accommodation of the displaced inhabitants.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—This is a very narrow lane, is it not?

Hon. Dr. Clark—Fifteen feet wide.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—How many people will be displaced by the clearing of the block of buildings?

Hon. Dr. Clark—About 1,500 people of the chiu-chiu class. All of them will not go into the houses provided for the displaced inhabitants; many will find quarters of their own.

The President—You will recollect that similar measures were taken in January with reference to two cases that occurred at Jardine's Dock. I move that the Government be recommended to grant certain houses to provide accommodation for the people displaced.

Mr. Osborne seconded.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—May I ask if there will be enough accommodation in the houses proposed to be taken for the housing of these people?

Hon. W. Chatham—There will be enough. The motion was agreed to.

The President—It is necessary for the Board to order the immediate closing of these houses. The Board has power under the By-laws for the Prevention or Mitigation of Epidemics, Epidemic or Contagious Disease, on the certificate of the Medical Officer of Health or other qualified practitioner, to close houses that are unfit for human habitation (that certificate is here), and the occupants may be removed after 24 hours notice. We can give them such notice as the Board think necessary. I move that the houses Nos. 1 to 17, Wo On Lane, Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23, D'Aguilar Street, and No. 14, Wing Wah Lane be closed as unfit for human habitation.

Hon. W. Chatham seconded.

Mr. Osborne—Twenty-four hours is a little too soon, give them 48.

The President—I move that we declare the district in which these houses are an infected district for the purposes of house-to-house visitation. It is bounded by Rutting Street on the west, Wellington Street on the north, and Wyndham Street on the east and south.

Hon. Dr. Clark seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Dr. Clark—I move also that Inspectors Reidie and Fincher be authorized to make this house-to-house visitation, with such other assistance as is necessary.

Hon. W. Chatham seconded, and the motion was agreed to. This was all the business.

RIFLE MATCH.

A match between the Range Staff and the Royal Engineers was fired at Kowloon Range on the 23rd December. Scores—

RANGE STAFF.	200	500	600	Tot.
Col. Serjt. F. S. Cross	33	30	29	92
Serjt. J. F. Davis	25	33	31	89
Serjt. J. J. Griffiths	29	29	30	88
C. P. O. E. Donner	34	30	22	86
Lieut. Stanbury, R.N.	27	31	27	85
P.O. L. S. Chiao	28	23	31	82
P.O. L. P. Allen	33	22	26	81
Pte. E. Evans	27	29	25	81

Average 55.5.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.	200	500	600	Tot.
Staff Serjt. McSweeney	31	32	30	93
Serjt. Thornhill	32	32	30	94
Sapper McEwen	31	27	31	89
Major Baker-Brown	30	32	25	87
Sapper Palmer	29	28	23	80
L. Corp. Robertson	29	28	22	79
Corpl. Angus	31	25	29	75
Sapper Colley	23	27	23	73

Average 84.00.

The Range Staff thus won by 12 points.

The *Hongkong Star* tells of a remarkable fish that was recently caught at Kukiabale. At first glance the fish did not seem any different from an ordinary good sized sea bass. An examination, however, disclosed a startling condition. The fish enjoys the unusual distinction, continues the article, of possessing a set of teeth almost entirely to those of a human being. Instead of the row of five teeth usually found in a fish of apparently the same character, this particular fish has incisors and molars that are well defined. On the upper jaw are sixteen teeth and on the lower eighteen. There are four incisors on each jaw. Even the wisdom teeth are there. The four front teeth are sharp, like the fangs of a dog and protrude from the mouth. They are not set close together like the teeth of a human being, but the wisdom and molar teeth are so set. The teeth are surrounded by well-defined sets of gums and the fish was also found to possess a tongue very similar to that of a human being. Otherwise there is nothing unusual about the appearance of the fish. It is provided with six fins and measures about two feet in length.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Long before Miss Janet Waldorf's Dramatic Company came to Hongkong the fame of *Street Nell* had echoed through the East. Theatre-lovers here had heard of its London success and awaited the first opportunity of seeing a play which, having for its story so old a theme, had sprung upon the world an entirely new sensation. That opportunity came last night when, thanks to Miss Waldorf's Company, the charms of *Street Nell* as a high-class comedy were revealed to a delighted audience. History has told again and again, the romantic love-story of Nell Gwynne, the orange-girl of Drury Lane, and Charles II, the "Merry Monarch" of England. The plot of the play is none other than this well-known tale, yet it comes upon us with all the charm of freshness and novelty. We find Nell Gwynne selling oranges outside the King's Theatre, Drury Lane, and learn her love for Sir Roger Fairfax which she has bravely overcome for the sake of the Lady Olivia Vernon, who is engaged to him. She saves Olivia from a rude attack by Lord Rochester, one of Charles' rakish friends, and Lord Lovelace, a typical dandy of the day. Sir Roger Fairfax has been banished from England at the instance of Lord Jeffreys, the bio thirty Chief Justice, who owes him a grudge and has trumped up a charge of treachery against him. Fairfax returns to see his sweetheart, the Lady Olivia, and Nell, sacrificing her own devotion, helps them to a secret meeting. They are tracked by Lord Jeffreys' agent, who learns of Nell's part in aiding the supposed traitor. In the meantime Nell meets the King, without knowing his rank, and a charming scene is enacted. Nell completely captivates Charles by her roguishness and candour, and Jeffreys' plans are thwarted when the Merry Monarch proclaims his intention to befriend her and put her on the stage. In the second act we find Nell a great actress, the King's favourite and the idol of the people. She is the same open-hearted girl, however, and shows this in some touching acts of goodness and charity. The story of Lady Castlemaine and the Duchess of Portsmouth, whom Nell has succeeded in the King's favour, provides some entertaining play. We then follow the story of Charles' love and the scheming of Lord Jeffreys, who tries to prove that Nell is harbouring Fairfax as a lover and this stirs up the King's jealousy. In the third act Nell is threatened with disgrace, but by impersonating Lord Jeffreys she gains proofs of the plot against Fairfax and herself, and thus outwits her enemies. In the final scenes of the play Nell Gwynne completes her triumph and a pretty scene with the King ends an enchanting play.

The play was mounted on a first-class scale and dressed according to the best traditions of the period. For the costumes, which were all that could be desired, great credit is due to Mrs. J. W. Wiby, the wardrobe mistress of the Company. We understand that this is the first appearance of the Company in this piece and that the whole arrangements for its production have been made during the past two or three weeks. If this be so, Mrs. Dow-Currier has accomplished wonders. She has on several occasions displayed a talent for management which is simply remarkable in a woman. For this production she is to be complimented in the highest degree, for the thoroughness and completeness with which it has been staged.

Of the acting of the piece we must curtail our criticism in this issue owing to the exigencies of space. It must be said, however, that Miss Janet Waldorf has revealed to us once more a versatility which is astonishing. This has been her first opportunity here in high-class comedy and she has acquitted herself in a manner which merited all the applause she gained. The saucy orange girl full of piquant witticisms and bubbling over with vivacity, found an excellent exponent in Miss Waldorf. She was perhaps more at home in the stronger passages, and in the affecting love scenes with Charles where she had full play for her emotional powers. As Charles II, Mr. Naval McGregor was superb. He invested the part with necessary kingly grace and while he illustrated the weaknesses of the Merry Monarch he never seemed to forget that it was the role of a great English monarch that he was assuming. He looked the character splendidly and altogether shared with Miss Waldorf the honours of a very fine performance. The character of Lord Jeffreys could not have fallen into better hands than those of Mr. Wilson Forbes, who exhibited all the repulsiveness of a character which shall always remain a blot on the page of English history. Of the other characters more will be said anon. For the present it is sufficient to state that a large cast of characters was filled with all-round thoroughness.

Street Nell of Old Drury will be repeated to-night and deserves another crowded house.

Owing to delay in departure and the success of *Street Nell*, the management announces one extra performance to-morrow night. This will be absolutely the final appearance of the Company in Hongkong.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on the 29th ult., p.m., for Hongkong, via the usual ports of call.

The O. & O. steamer *Doria*, with mails, &c., will leave Yokohama for usual ports and Hongkong to-day.

The N.G.I. steamer *Teikoku* left Singapore for this port on the 31st ult., and may be expected here on the 6th inst.

The "Barber" Line steamer *Lothian*, from Japan, China and Hongkong, arrived at New York on the 27th ult.

The O.S.S. steamer *Telemachus* left Singapore on the 31st ult., and is expected here on the 5th inst.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 31st December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. C. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

SEQUEL TO A COMPRADORE'S FRAUDS.

In this case the Tysing shop claimed from Messrs. Lanta, Wegener & Co. the sum of \$1,125, restricted to \$1,000, as damages for the non-delivery of 100 cases of beer, being part of 200 cases purchased by the plaintiffs from the defendants and paid for on 23rd June, 1902, the other portion of which, namely, 100 cases, was taken delivery of by the plaintiffs on or about 30th June, 1902.

Mr. J. Hastings of Messrs. Deacon & Hastings, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. G. C. Master of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, solicitors, for the defendants.

Mr. Hastings, in his opening statement, said that the plaintiffs had had several large transactions for seven years with the defendants, and following the practice in the case of Chinese dealing with Europeans, the transactions had been carried on through the agency of plaintiff's compradore. Defendant's agent, Chak A Tong, came to the plaintiff's compradore in June, 1902, asking for an order for beer. An order was given for 200 cases. The price in the agreement was \$9.25, but they were using on the present market price, which had gone up to \$11.25. A sum of \$1,850 was paid to the compradore to cover the transaction and on 30th June 100 cases were delivered. Although repeated applications were made for delivery of the remaining 100 cases, plaintiff could not get them. Then the compradore absconded. Plaintiffs wrote to the defendants and a long correspondence ensued, the result of which was the present proceedings.

Among the witnesses examined was Mr. J. J. Fook, partner in the defendant firm. In June, he said, he was the only partner of the firm in Hongkong and was in charge of everything. Their course of business with regard to selling of goods, such as beer for instance, was for their compradore to go round and solicit orders; when he obtained an order it was referred to the firm for settlement as to delivery, terms of payment, etc. The compradore was not authorised to sell beer to whom he liked, when he liked, or at what price he liked. All transactions required to have his (witness') signature before a settlement could be made. As regards the method of delivery after settlement, the dealer would send a request in Chinese or English to the compradore's office. After he had signed it, and arranged about it, the delivery order book was used. No case could be delivered out of the godown without his signature. He had no transactions with the Tysing firm during June. The last transaction they had with the Tysing firm was on 13th May. Since then he had had no transactions with the firm for the sale of beer to their warehouse. He had never heard from the compradore about this alleged sale of beer at \$9.25. He had not sold any beer at \$9.25 in June. The last sold to Chinese dealers at that price was years ago. The lowest price at which this beer was sold to Chinese and European, during June was \$11.25. He had sold three cases to their own clerks for their mess at \$10.50 per case, in June; with that exception the price was \$11.25. It would have been impossible to entertain an offer of \$9.25 per case in June. He did not get a delivery order in June. He did sign a delivery order for the delivery of beer to King Cheong Loong at \$11.25 per case. He obtained a promissory note for that. His compradore was arrested on 19th July and charged with forgery. He was bailed out a week later and disappeared. Over 500 cases of beer were sold in June; these were sold at \$11.25, not at \$9.25. In May he sold some beer to the Tysing firm at \$11.25, and the latter paid that money.

Cross-examined—He had been in Hongkong since the end of March. Previous to that he was in Swatow. The compradore when he went out soliciting orders knew the price of the beer, but no transaction was completed without witness's signature. In former sales to the Tysing firm the money was collected through the compradore. The compradore was charged with the forgery of promissory notes. Some of his books were found to contain many false entries. He swindled the firm all round. The firm had securities for the absconding compradore; these consisted of property, but they had not got any money yet.

Mr. Hastings—Do you expect to get any? Witness—I hope so.

Mr. Hastings—Is it \$100,000?

Witness—I expect it may be more. Shown the delivery order referring to delivery of beer to King Cheong Loong, witness admitted that there was no receipt or chop upon it denoting that beer had been received; he did not of his own knowledge know that King Cheong Loong ever received it. The chop on the delivery order was the Chinese godown-man's chop. The promissory note he had from King Cheong Loong was one of those supposed to be forged by the absconding compradore. He had nothing to show that they received the beer; in fact, King Cheong Loong denied that he had received it. That promissory note was being charged against the compradore.

This concludes the evidence.

The case was adjourned till Tuesday next at 10.15 a.m.

HOLHOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The 3rd annual Holhow sports meeting was held on Christmas Day on the Customs Palm Tree Site, in the presence of the Taoist, and a goodly number of European and Chinese residents. The weather was threatening throughout, but the programme was run through without a hitch. Details—

Judge—J. Acheson, Esq., Commissioner of Customs.

Starter—G. A. Forsyth, Esq.

Committee—Dr. G. Sibill, Messrs. B. Ryan, and F. G. Veitch.

RESULTS.

Pig Race—Owners to drive their own pigs. Two prizes.

Mr. Veitch's ... *Silk Purse II* 1

Mr. Pedersen's ... *Kjohnbakken* 2

Mr. Ryan's ... *Moritzen II* 3

11 started.

100 YAR S HANDBICAP—Two prizes.

Mr. Murray (10 yards) ... 1

Mr. Otto (5 yards) ... 2

Mr. Bocher (6 yards) ... 3

10 started.

SACK RACE—Two prizes.

Mr. Mottram ... 1

Mr. Murray ... 2

Mr. Pedersen ... 3

10 started.

EGG AND SPOON RACE—Two prizes.

Mr. Veitch ... 1

Mr. Murray ... 2

Mr. Mottram ... 3

9 started.

STONE AND BUCKER RACE—Two prizes.

Mr. Mottram ... 1

Mr. Murray ... 2

Mr. Pedersen ... 3

9 started.

WATER POT RACE—Competitors to carry a tin full of water on their heads for 100 yds.

Two prizes.

Mr. Mottram ... 1

Mr. Pedersen ... 2

Mr. Murray ... 3

9 started.

CONSOLATION RACE—One prize.

Mr. Mottram ... 1

Mr. Pedersen ... 2

Mr. Murray ... 3

9 started.

GREASY POT.—For boatmen and Chinese in European employ.

Won by No. 1 Customs boatman.

POINTS COMPETITION.—Winner of each event to receive 5 points, second 3 points, and third 1 point. Previous winners of this event were debared.

Mr. Murray, 1st prize (Taoist's Cup).

Mr. Pedersen, 2nd prize.

THE JAPANESE SAILOR.

In the October number of *Pearson's Magazine* an entertaining article upon the Japanese navy and the Japanese sailor is given by Mr. M. Tindal. Not 50 years ago Japan's fleet consisted merely of a few old junk boats bearing one sail apiece. Now she has such a magnificent navy of ironclads, cruisers, and formidable torpedo boats that even we ourselves are proud to join forces with it. "It was not until after the war with China that Japan realized that, as an island kingdom of importance, she must possess a powerful navy if she would live. More attention than ever before was now paid to the national defence. For the last quarter of a century these have been established on a conscription basis. All males are liable to serve in the standing army for seven years—three in active service—the system of reserves, of 'Landwehr' and 'Landsturm' classes, being modelled precisely on the German system. For naval purposes the kingdom is divided into five maritime districts, the headquarters being at Yokohama, in the Bay of Yedo. The Minister of Marine ranks as one of the Imperial Cabinet, and administers the Imperial navy from Tokyo. The entire force, numbering 20,000 men, is trained in accordance with the principles of the British navy. The two naval colleges, one at Yetsushima, the other at Tokyo, might be respectively H.M.S. *Bulwark*, and the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The courses are longer, however, and, if anything, more difficult. Just now the army and navy are the favourite professions for the young men of Japan. The navy particularly is very popular, as it should be with an island people. A notable feature is the lack of snobbery among the officers. Class distinctions, as far as individuals are concerned, do not exist. Our Government doesn't care for class, said the Japanese naval attaché in England, when discussing these things with me, drawing himself up proudly. They have good brains and so long as they have good brains they will do it. It doesn't matter where they spring from; a fisherman is as good as a prince among his fellows. Princes get no favours. Everything entirely depends on examinations, and how they are passed." Every Japanese boy who does not enter the army or navy as a cadet, on attaining the manly age of 14, is examined by Government inspectors, and drafted either into the army or navy according to the inspectors' opinions as to which service he will give best. The boy's personal inclinations go for little, unless his qualifications are ranged on the same high level. Broadly speaking, farmers, agriculturists of any kind, and shopmen go to the army; fishermen, boatmen, dwellers by the sea, to the navy."

WEAPONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

An article recently appeared in the United States Army and Navy Journal on the weapons used in the late war, which is particularly interesting as representing the opinions which were apparently generally held among the Boers, and which, it may be observed, are constantly quoted in the Continental Press, as if they really were to be regarded as the final pronouncement on this subject. The writer, Jonbert Reitz, says that the "first discovery made was that side-arms are to all intents and purposes useless, and that it is not worth carrying them for the few opportunities that still arise of using them. In fact, because bayonet charges occur more rarely nowadays than formerly, there is an old French saying to the effect that there is always 'un gars bon de l'autre qui tend la jambe' which is peculiarly applicable to the use of the bayonet; and with a few which rarely waited to perform the latter part of the process it is not surprising that the opportunity for trying the other occurred equally seldom. Similarly the statement that the lance is a useless and cumbersome weapon, to be discarded, is explicable on much the same grounds. It is easy enough to say now that the 'ten minutes' pig-sticking' at Elandslaagte resulted in a vast number of Boers being killed, but the impression at the time among the Boers themselves. Apart from these criticisms, however, the rest of the paper is on the whole very sound. The writer considers that the best and only arm of the modern soldier is the magazine rifle, but that the automatic pistol is not sufficiently effective. Comparing the Mauser and Krag Jorgensen with our service rifle he naturally, and probably rightly, considers that the latter is out and away the worst of the three. But with all modern rifles he says that the rapidity of fire leads men to waste ammunition. Similarly, the writer is probably justified in his remarks concerning our field gun most unfavourably with the more modern Krupp and Cremona guns possessed by the Boers, but he admits that the British howitzers did 'extremely well'—in a four-foot trench one is always safe from a gun, but from a howitzer one is never safe. Of the 'pom-pom' he says that it is a 'devilish invention, not an account of the damage it does, but its moral effect is tremendous. The article closes with the concluding remarks that 'if the British take advantage of the lessons they learnt in the war, and I am afraid they are the only ones who will do so, they can in five years' time put an army in the field that will be able to fight almost any army in the world, for the British soldier is armed with the latest and best arms, and is a dangerous foe to even the mighty armies of Germany and Russia.'"

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

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DECLINE IN USE OF GOLD.

Mr. George E. Roberts, the Director of the U.S. Mint, in his annual report says that the output of gold coins at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco were in operation throughout the fiscal year. In the number of pieces the output of the year has never been exceeded, aggregating 191,419,506, but in value it has fallen from \$136,340,781 in 1901 to \$94,526,677, this being due to the greater demand for the small denominations. Gold coinage dropped from \$99,065,715 to \$81,989,372, but the stock of gold bullion on hand increased from \$100,219,493 to \$124,083,712. The output of silver dollars amounted to \$19,402,609, subsidiary silver coins to \$10,713,569 and minor coins to \$2,429,736.

The original gold deposits of the year amounted to \$132,530,539. Gold bars taken for export amounted to \$36,332,678 and for domestic consumption to \$14,452,578.

The capacity of the mint at San Francisco is being increased by the introduction there of methods and equipment that have proven successful in Philadelphia. The director says that the increased capacity of the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the prospective opening of the new mint at Denver will give the country a much greater coinage capacity than it has heretofore had, while on the other hand the pressure on the mints is almost ready to relax, instead of increase. The output of 1,500,000 silver dollars per month, now required by law, will come to an end soon by the exhaustion of the stock of bullion. This requirement now calls for the entire capacity of the New Orleans Mint. When the dollars coinage ceases that mint will be idle unless work is diminished at Philadelphia and San Francisco to give it employment. When the Denver Mint is opened the output of gold coins of the West, now going to Philadelphia, will be cut off from the last institution and the report says it is not advisable to reduce still further its operations in order to supply work for New Orleans. It accordingly is recommended that coinage operations be discontinued at the latter institution at the close of the current fiscal year and that it be conducted hereafter as an assay office.

Attention is called to the fact that the gold coinage of the country is now entering almost entirely into storage, and that the coinage of the entire annual deposits is unnecessary. The Treasury holds about \$500,000,000 of coined gold, which the report says is doubtless more than will be called for in a generation to come. Practically all of the current coinage is being deposited in a Treasury for certificates. When gold is required for export it is wanted in bars, while for domestic circulation the public prefers the Treasury certificates, which, with some modification of the statutes, might as well be issued against bars.

Under the limitation placed on the stock of subsidiary silver coin by the act of March 14, 1900, no more of these denominations can be issued, while the demand is regular and must continue with the growth of population and business. The director sees no occasion for limit on the stock of subsidiary coin, inasmuch as its issue and retirement are wholly automatic, in response to the needs of the business community.

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THE ABOVE SCHOOL WILL RESUME WORK
on MONDAY the 4th of JANUARY.
[3522]

NOTICE

WE have this day authorised Mr. W. R. PUCHER to SIGN our FIRM by PROXY.
SANDER, WIELEK & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3523]

NOTICE

MR. ERNST OTTO STRUCKMEYER
has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China.
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3518]

NOTICE

MR. M. GROTE having retired on the 31st December last from the Firm of **HEMSKERK & GROTE**, the business of Exchange Brokers will be continued by the undersigned under the style of **HEMSKERK & CO.**
Mr. TH. CHRISTIAN has been authorised to SIGN the FIRM.
J. J. BYSTERUS HEMSKEK.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3514]

NOTICE

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1902.
S. J. DAVID & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3517]

NOTICE

THE RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. AUG. MULLER in my Firm ceases with today.
Mr. H. SCHUMACHER is authorised to SIGN my FIRM PROXY.
FERD. BORNEMANN.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3524]

NOTICE

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. JAMES DUKE MONRO, and Mr. ROBERT LYMAN RICHARDSON in our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1902, and Mr. ARTHUR LYMAN MAGGOWAN, and Mr. ANDREW FORBES are this day admitted PARTNERS.
1st January, 1903.
BRADLEY & CO. [3515]

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M. S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [116]

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TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
the 2nd JANUARY, 1903, at 10 A.M., at their Warehouse, East Point,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
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YLA JC 1
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YMA X
CF in diamond 30 SB 59
CB CS
CF in diamond 176 SB 38
FC RR
CF in diamond 3 SB 2
CC MR

CF in diamond 1 YC
CF in diamond 52 YXC

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MR 8
SB 1
MR 1
CS

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3525]

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DOUGLAS LAMPAIK & CO.,
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Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [3513]

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Cheese " " " 0.50
Milk, concentrated \$0.40 per tin (1 pint)
1 lb. tin, 2 lb. tin.

Apples " " " 0.55 \$1.00
Cherries " " " 0.55 1.00
Grapes " " " 0.55 1.00
Greenpeas " " " 0.50 0.90
Peas " " " 0.55 1.00
Pears " " " 0.45 0.80
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All orders will be executed at the Depot, No 3, Ice House Lane.

WM. PARLANE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [3521]

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
I BEG to notify that on and after the 1st JANUARY, 1903, the SUBSCRIPTION to the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" will be as follows—

PER QUARTER ... \$9
PER MONTH ... \$3
ALFRED CUNNINGHAM,
Manager.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [3502]

ENTERTAINMENT

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

OWING to delay in departure,
THE JANET WALDORF CO.
will give an
EXTRA PERFORMANCE of
"SWEET NELL OF OLD DRURY,"
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) NIGHT,
2nd JANUARY.
POSITIVELY THE LAST APPEARANCE. [3179]

THEATRE ROYAL.
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Representative, Mr. ARTHUR SEYMOUR.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1902. [3470]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
the 2nd JANUARY, 1903, at Noon, outside their
SALES ROOMS, 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,
One INDIAN BROWN MARE and COLT
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TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [3500]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
on
SATURDAY,
the 3rd day of JANUARY, 1903, at 12 o'clock
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BASKETS and MATS.
One IRON SAFE and STAND,
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TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [3497]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
on
SATURDAY,
the 3rd JANUARY, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their
SALES ROOMS, 8, Des Voeux Road Central,
Corner of Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
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WARE, BAMBOO CARVINGS, &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued and the Goods will
be on view on Friday, p.m.
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3483]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
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MONDAY,
the 5th JANUARY, 1903, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at
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TABLES, &c., &c.

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A Few Pieces of BLACK WOODWARE.
TERMS—Cash on delivery.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Saturday, the 3rd January.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3485]

NOTICE

THE attention of the public is drawn to the provisions of the Stamp Amendment Ordinance 1902, whereby certain duties are increased, and it is recommended that at least a part of any stock of old forms be presented to the Stamp Office for surcharging before the 31st instant.

A copy of the new Schedule in force from the 1st JANUARY, 1903, can be seen at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON,
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [3480]

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"HAYTOR," at the PEAK.
"THE RETREAT," MOUNT KELLET.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE,
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Apply to—
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [71]

TO LET.

NOS. 1 & 3 "MAGDALEN TERRACE,"
Corner houses, MAGAZINE GAR.
Apply to—
SPANISH PROCURATION.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [977]

TO LET.

NOS. 73, WYNDHAM STREET.
Apply to—
S. A. SETH,
Dairy Farm Co.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [3322]

TO LET.

NOS. 33, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.
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Apply to—
AHMET RUMJAHN,
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Hongkong, 27th September, 1902. [2576]

TO LET.

MEIRION No. 2, the Peak, 6 Rooms,
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Apply to—
E. JONES HUGHES.
Hongkong, 7th October, 1902. [2679]

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Rooms, Servants' Quarters, Kitchen and
Bath-room.
Apply to—
J. D. BARROS,
No. 46, Elgin Street.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1902. [3148]

TO LET.

"WESTLEY," UPPER RICHMOND
ROAD.
Apply to—
LAU CHU PAK,
Care of A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1902. [2764]

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [128]

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Hongkong, 27th November, 1902. [3166]

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Hongkong, 7th October, 1

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3477]
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Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3474]
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HONGKONG [3965]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of JANUARY, 1903 at 12 Noon for the purpose of confirming the following Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held this day (29th December, 1902):

RESOLUTION.
That for the purpose of carrying into effect the special resolution duly passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company held on the 11th and 27th days of October, 1902, the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1865 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint Liquidators and that for the like purpose the Liquidators be and they are hereby authorised to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of and to the registration of a new Company to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong and the name of The China-Borneo Company, Limited, or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Liquidating Committee.
(Sd.) WILLIAM D. JOPP,
Acting Manager.

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OWING to the large increase in the cost of Fodder &c., we are obliged to raise the price of our MILK to 12 Cents per Small Bottle, from 1st JANUARY NEXT.

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THE HONGKONG DAIRY.
G. W. GEGG,
Manager.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1902. [3390]

"HINCILLAE LACHRYMAE,"

BY "NOWGLL"

"It does seem so dreadful when one comes to think of it," said Mrs. Gatacre plaintively to a circle of listeners in the ladies' room at the Garrison Club at Gibraltar. "The hollows under the chin and the frowning in the society. One feels sometimes 'Oh for a really honest soul!' Don't you know what I mean?" she concluded appealingly. She spoke in a languid contralto voice, of an order frequently described as "sympathetic," and her large eyes, turning upon first one and then another of her audience, varied in expression with her voice.

"I quite agree with you, Mrs. Gatacre," came a crisp, short tone from a tall and very young lady with a wide mouth, big chin, and steady gaze. "But without it, you know, that fabric we call 'Society' would collapse utterly." "Now I must beg to differ from you, Mrs. Ewart," said Mrs. Gatacre in her most contralto accents and with some rancour, for Mrs. Ewart's sunny reasons of good looks, youth, and husband's seniority in rank, was no beloved of Mrs. Gatacre. "I consider," continued the lady, "that remark of yours quite a slur upon all of us, and I see no reason why Society should be quite as sincere and as truthful as anyone else; and in fact, don't you think, turning to the other ladies, 'that it would be nice to form a guild for the promotion of sincerity and all that sort of thing in Society?'"

"Charming!" murmured one or two ladies in doubtful voice. "It would help to raise us and elevate us," proceeded Mrs. Gatacre, who had just been reading an article in the *Princess*, and we should be doing an inestimable service to our sex." Mrs. Ewart laughed. "At the end of a week you will none of you be on speaking terms," she said.

Mrs. Gatacre signified her disapproval by half turning her back as she said: "Why shouldn't we put it to the vote? I vote for it." Whereupon every one voted for it likewise, and Mrs. Ewart added: "Tell me what I'll be the president if you like, and run the whole show." Many voices chimed an eager assent, for Mrs. Ewart was popular with the ladies, both on account of her genial good humour as well as her smiling defiance on occasions when it suited her convenience of the laws of Mrs. Grundy, which they admired at a distance, but had not the pluck to imitate.

Now Mrs. Gatacre's countenance fell, for it was in her mind to "boss" the scheme herself; it being ever her desire to become a power among the ladies in the station. But before she could utter a sound, as later she told her husband, "that Ewart woman sat herself at the head of the table, and began to enfold members." "And now for the rules," said Mrs. Ewart, looking up from the list of names before her, "of the Gibraltar Ladies' Guild, for the production of that sincerity, whose absence in Society is so greatly to be deplored by all right-minded and philanthropic persons. Each suggest one in turn; there mustn't be more than six."

The following were at length evolved and agreed to by all present:—

1. That every lady undertakes, upon every occasion and under every circumstance, to speak the truth, and nothing besides.
2. That any member of the Guild, over-hearing any other member break Rule 1 shall immediately confront her with the fact.
3. That any lady who breaks either of these rules more than six times in one week shall be ejected from the Guild at its next meeting. (With force, if necessary.)
4. That a prize of a gold bangle shall be awarded to the lady most successful in keeping the rules of the Guild; the prize to be ascertained for by the other members.
5. The amount of member's subscriptions to vary inversely with their success in keeping the rules.
6. Every member at each meeting of the Guild shall be prepared to state the numbers of times the rules have been broken by her, and the circumstances attending each occurrence.

There having been read aloud for the instruction of all present, the fair contingent made their adieux, and with smiling faces went their several ways.

During the ensuing week, various incidents occurred, only some of which—for lack of time to recount them all—were here set forth:—

"Thank you so much," said the hostess at a musical At Home, to a rubicund youth, as he quitted the piano and mopped his streaming brow, after bawling of his "ho" and his "heerrii!" and his "fainting soul!" for an exasperating ten minutes. "He does sing so charmingly—so sympathetically—does he not?" to inform its Member 8, who happened to sit next her.

She glared round wildly, helpless despair written large upon her countenance, and finally uttered in quivering accents: "Well—or—I must say—no—I can't say I think he does quite. In fact," as she glanced about the whole truth flashed before her, "I think he sings badly."

"Really," remarked the hostess frigidly. The singer scowled with mute and angry fury, and there was something like a panic among the guests, all of whom ignored Member 8 for the rest of the evening.

"I do hope you had a good time," purred the smiling hostess to Mrs. Gatacre as she bade good-bye, after providing an afternoon's will enjoyment in the shape of rounders and a sponge-cake tea.

"Yes, thanks; so delightful," cooed that lady, as she recalled her frantic attempts at running in tight stays and a train. "Gatacre—I'm slightly fatigued"—with a charming little smile.

"Mrs. Gatacre, your statement was incorrect," said the voice of Mrs. Ewart from behind.

"What you mean is: 'I've had a fearful afternoon. I've hated every minute of it, and have

never been so bored in all my life. I loathe rounders, not being so young as I once was, and the tea was beastly.' I heard you say all that."

With a cheerful good-bye Mrs. Ewart then departed, leaving the transfixed hostess and half-fainting Mrs. Gatacre staring into each other's faces.

"I'm so sorry I met you when you called to-day," murmured Member 16 to the colonel of her husband's regiment; "but I was lying down, as I had such a fearful headache."

"Not a bit of it," remarked Member 12 from behind her. "She had got Captain St. Clair all alone to tea, and didn't wish to be interrupted. She's quite gone on him, you know, and hates you really, though she thinks it pays well to flatter with you."

The Colonel gasped and spluttered, and both ladies fled.

"I'm so glad I was out when you called," said Member 15 sweetly to a Naval officer and his wife whom she met in the gardens. "You're horribly common, Captain Browne, and you dress abominably. Mrs. Browne, and I have no desire to cultivate your acquaintance. Good-bye."

"Dear Lady Hope, you do look so young and so fresh, and I know you have been married as long as I have. How do you manage it?" asked Member 14 of the General's wife, whom she delighted to flatter upon and flatter.

"I'll tell you," said Member 5 quickly. "She smothered in powder and paint; her face is mottled and her hair is dyed; but you know if we tell us I do, because we were both discussing it the other day."

Tablous!

Several invitations were received by anonymous individuals, couched in the following terms:—"Dear Second-Six—We feel bound to ask you to dine with us next Thursday at 8 o'clock, merely as a matter of duty and not from any desire to entertain you.—Yours sincerely, So-and-so."

The climax was reached when the Governor sent out invitations for a ball. Now the Governor's balls were de-stated of all man and womanhood, and the A.D.C. in waiting tore his hair and sat down upon the floor in horror when he opened five or six notes written thus:—

Major and Mrs. Hooley accept the invitation of H.E. the Governor and Lady Stride because they must, and not because they want to; for their balls are dull and tedious, and the supper is a rule not edible.

Because some of these epistles were from ladies who for various reasons had incurred the displeasure of that A.D.C., he took the letters and showed them to H.E. the Governor, who in towering and stammering rage communicated with the General, who sent for the Colonels of the regiments implicated, who sent for their officers and requested their reasons in writing. The officers returned to the bosom of their families and abused their better halves in measured terms, and there were tears and lamentations and a general upset, and the ladies with one accord put the whole of the blame on Mrs. Gatacre. Mrs. Gatacre received a communication from the Governor through the A.A.G., the D. A.G., the Colonel, and her husband, and went to bed with pronounced hysteria for three days.

It was the occasion of the second meeting of the Ladies' Guild, and Mrs. Ewart, erect and smiling, sat at the head of the table, a copy of the rules before her.

"Very late," said Mrs. Ewart, to herself, as the clock chimed four and no members had arrived. "I was afraid they would find it difficult to come up to the scratch." At length a faint and uncertain shuffling was heard, and there began to sink into the room a number of females with downcast and abjected eyes, each one holding on in the next, as though afraid to venture in alone. Last of all came Mrs. Gatacre with a large fan, and a bottle of smelling salts, and plunging herself into the largest arm-chair in the room, she began to sigh and fan herself vigorously.

"Ladies," began Mrs. Ewart cheerfully, "I have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the second meeting of our Guild, and I trust that during the past week much good work has been accomplished. There was a very broad smile on her face as she said this. "I will now ask each lady to furnish me with an account of her accomplishment. Mrs. Baker," to a dismayed and flushed little woman on her right, "may I ask you to kindly begin?"

Mrs. Baker unbuttoned one glove with trembling fingers, and then buttoned it up again in a great hurry, before she coughed and began in low tones: "I broke the rules once by saying I was engaged when I was not in order to get out of an uninteresting tea-party; and once when the Colonel asked if I didn't like his new pony I said 'yes,' but I didn't really; and once in telling a funny story I put in a little out of my head; and once well I don't remember what that was, but I know there was another time," concluded Mrs. Baker with extreme dejection.

"Mrs. Baker four times," said Mrs. Ewart, entering a note in her book. "I have to thank you, Mrs. Baker, for your conscientious account. Mrs. Kien may I trouble you next?"

"Mrs. Baker has left out one," remarked this lady. "She told Mrs. Grew it was a perfect day for her garden party, and she'd just been telling me she was freezing standing about on wet gravel."

"No," said Mrs. Baker with meekness. "It wasn't me."

"Excuse me; but it was," snapped the other lady.

"But I wasn't there, so it couldn't have been," said Mrs. Baker.

Member 9 with kindly proceed with her evidence, the D. A.G. said the President.

"No," said Member 2, "certainly not. If you don't believe what I say I shan't say any more; I'm going," and she retreated with noise, if not with dignity. "She's afraid to confess," said several members nodding and giggling.

"Mrs. Gatacre, it is now your turn," said the President.

"Well really—er. I've been suffering so frightfully with neuralgia that I really don't know if I have a shred of memory remaining," said Mrs. Gatacre in her most languid drawl.

"But—er—just a minute. I think I do just remember just catching myself up in one or

two things that were not quite correct. One time it was—

"Fudge!" interrupted Member 8 in violent indignation. "I confronted you with four fibs in one afternoon, and if you hadn't bolted before I had a chance, I'd have told you of four more."

"I heard her cooing all the sweet things she could think of to a lady, and as soon as she moved away, she turned to me and abused her like a pick-pocket," said Member 7.

"I heard her tell several fibs at the subscription dance," said Member 8.

"And so did I," said 10.

"And I noticed quite a dozen in the week," said 12.

"Then I regret to be obliged to have you ejected from the Guild," said Mrs. Ewart, regarding Mrs. Gatacre with a stern countenance. "And I have a strong suspicion that your record is the biggest, and you will therefore have to give the largest subscription towards the prize for the winning member."

"Unfortunately," said Mrs. Gatacre, with a countenance rancorous and green, "I have already decided that a society which produces so much spite and ill-nature cannot be for the general good, and so I settled not to belong any more before I came."

"And you started it," said a voice.

"And said it would do so much good," said another. "Inside of which the whole place is by the ears, and most of my friends cut me in the street."

"And so do mine," echoed several voices.

"I think we've all had enough of it," said Member 16 solemnly. "I vote, Mrs. President, NO SUBSTITUTE WANTED."

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DUE
LONDON	"TELEUS"	On 6th January.	
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 24th January.	
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.	
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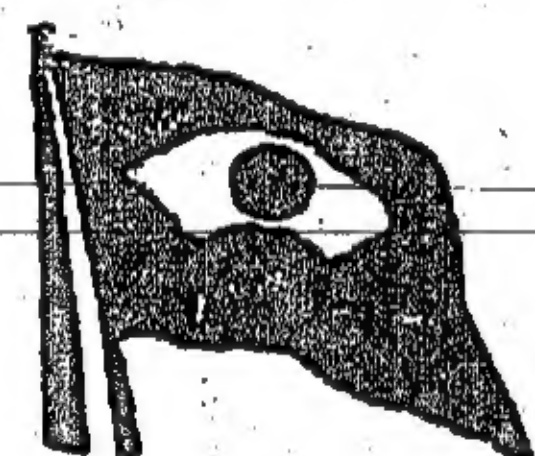
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SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	On 3rd January.	
SHANGHAI	"SHANSI"	On 3rd January.	
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	On 3rd January.	
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 5th January.	
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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3494]

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3474]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [342]

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